



Call for Papers

National Summit of Mining Communities

Deadline for Submissions: March 12, 2008

The 3rd Annual National Summit of Mining Communities is scheduled for September 7-11, 2008, in Butte and Anaconda, Montana. The Summit was created in 2006 in recognition of the diverse environmental and economic effects that mining communities experience as a result of the boom and bust cycles of mining. The Summit began in Leadville, Colorado, as a grassroots gathering of people from mining towns with emphasis on “communities talking to communities.” The format allows attendees to share information and learn about how other communities have overcome mining-related challenges and how they have moved forward with their own community planning process.

Butte and Anaconda will co-host the 2008 Summit, which will focus on the benefits and negative consequences of mining to communities. As a result, we are requesting submissions for both panel and individual presentations, as well as booths or posters concerning active and/or historic mining, cleanup and restoration of mine sites, historic preservation, laws and regulations, recreational tourism, community and economic redevelopment, and other relevant topics. We welcome students and professionals who want to highlight research, share educational or regulatory information, or distribute marketing materials. There should be time for comments and questions built in to each presentation. The presentations can explore current issues and challenges and also past successes and failures.

The conference format will be a series of presenters and panels in three different tracks: the local/state track, the regional track, and the national/international track. Social and cultural events throughout the duration of the Summit will provide a balance between the presentations and workshops and will also offer plenty of time to network.

If you are interested in presenting a topic, please provide a brief, one-page abstract of your topic, your principle means of presenting (booth, presentation, poster), and the equipment you will need. Please state the length and format of your topic. If you are proposing a panel or individual presentation, please let us know what, if any, opportunities will be available for audience participation.

In addition to describing your proposed topic, please let us know what other topics you are interested in learning more about so we can make the best possible selections for the Summit.

Please submit all requests to:

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Submission deadline is March 12, 2008. Thank you for your interest and please pass this request on to all those who you feel might be interested in the next National Summit of Mining Communities.